

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I live in the Fargo, ND area where the same company owns the Fargo Forum newspaper and WDAY television. They are mirrors of each other. In fact, the broadcasters from WDAY have their faces plastered all over page 2 of the Forum daily. Please do not loosen the restrictions so other communities can benefit from additional viewpoints in the delivery of their news. Thank you.